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Serial No.: 09/977,855  
Filed: October 11, 2001  
Title: **CARTRIDGE TYPE SOLDERING  
IRON WITH A RELEASABLE AND  
REPLACEABLE HANDLE**

Examiner: Edmondson, Lynne Renee  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
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- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, the time of response being extended 1-month to (March 27, 2002) by the accompanying petition and fee, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

#### In the Claims:

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Amended) A cartridge type soldering iron assembly, comprising:
- b) a sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end adapted to couple to a connector and the distal end adapted to couple to a tip; and
- a handle having an opening along the centerline of the handle adapted to receive the sleeve and associate with the sleeve at a predetermined position between the proximal and distal ends of the sleeve along a longitudinal axis of the sleeve.